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Jamboree on the Air and the Worked All Germany Contest

The Jamboree-on-the-Air and the Worked All Germany contest takes place over the weekend of 19 and 20 October.

The Worked All Germany (WAG) is a 24 hour contest running from 15:00 UTC Saturday 19 October to 14:59 UTC Sunday 20 October. Activity takes place on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using CW and SSB. <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/conteste/wag/en>

According to IARU recommendations operation should be avoided outside contest-preferred segments. To reduce interference with the participants of JOTA contest operation is **not allowed** in the following contest-free sections:

80 m: CW - 3 560 - 3 800 kHz, SSB - 3 650 - 3 700 kHz

40 m: CW - 7 040 - 7 200 kHz, SSB - 7 080 - 7 140 kHz

20 m: CW - 14 060 - 14 350 kHz, SSB - 14 100 - 14 125 kHz and 14 280 - 14 350 kHz

15 m: SSB - 21 350 - 21 450 kHz

10 m: SSB - 28 225 - 28 400 kHz

For the first time SDR recording will be made in order to check the situation on a band, in case of complaints. Some authors of logging programs have introduced an alarm or other countermeasures, when a contester is trying to operate outside the allowed contest segments.

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) stations are encouraged to make use of the contest free segments as shown above, as well as the 17 and 12 metre bands.

What caused the geomagnetic storm on 2 and 3 October

What caused the geomagnetic storm on 2 and 3 October 2013, degrading HF DX propagation over many paths? A coronal mass ejection - A magnificent eruption ejected a massive cloud of solar plasma out away from the Sun, into interplanetary space on 29 September. A long filament of plasma hovered above the photosphere, captured by the magnetism in the Sun's northern hemisphere. Then, it erupted in spectacular energy as seen by the Solar Dynamics Observatory, and by Stereo and SOHO spacecraft. This plasma eruption produced a stunningly beautiful coronal mass ejection (CME).

Coronal mass ejections are often associated with solar activity such as solar flares, but a causal relationship has not been established. A coronal mass ejection is also produced when a plasma filament (or prominence) breaks away from the magnetic clutch of the Sun, escaping the gravitational pull. While many

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October

1 - Schools open
3 - SARL 80 metre QSO Party
3 to 6 - Hobby-X, Midrand
5 - Spring QRP Contest
5 and 6 - RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest
12 and 13 - AWA AM and SSB Contest
16 - Bosses Day
17 - Radio Amateur Examination
19 - CQ Hou Koers
19 and 20 - Jamboree-on-the-Air
26 and 27 - CQ WW DX Phone Contest

November

2 - RaDAR Contest
10 - Remembrance Sunday; PEARS HF Contest
11 - Armistice Day
16 and 17 - SARL National Field Day
23 and 24 - CQ WW DX CW Contest

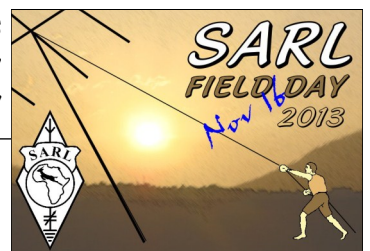
The photo in last week's HF Happening was taken along the R715 between Springfontein and Bethulie at the Louw Wepener monument



Current Summits-on-the-Air (SOTA) activities are announced at

www.sotawatch.org

And more SOTA information can be found at www.sota.org.uk





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plasma ejections originate from active regions on the Sun's surface, such as groupings of sunspots associated with frequent flares, any plasma formation could break away. Near solar maxima, the Sun produces about three CMEs every day, whereas near solar minima, there is about one CME every five days or even less frequently.

When a CME passes Earth (not all CMEs are directed toward the Earth), it could cause geomagnetic disturbances, triggering aurora and causing disruption of shortwave radio communications.

Although this CME was not aimed at Earth, it passed by the Earth with a glancing blow from the plasma cloud on October 2-3 2013. This caused a geomagnetic storm (minor level), which lowered the Maximum Usable Frequency (MUF) over many ionospheric radio-wave propagation paths on shortwave radio. This lowering of the MUF is often regarded as a degradation of shortwave radio conditions. Some aurora is also produced, though this event did not cause much significant aurora.

More info: <http://SunSpotWatch.com>; Aurora Watch: <http://Aurora.SunSpotWatch.com>

73 de Tomas, NW7US, propagation columnist in CQ Magazine. Credit: SOHO/Stereo/SDO/NASA

African DX



Mozambique, C82. "This marks the last benchmark for C82DX to be operational by 14 October. They will be active until the morning of 23 October giving us 9 evenings of low band opportunities.

Operators depart from Japan, Canada and the US next week to convene in Pretoria on the 12th for loading the caravan for the trip to Xai at 5 AM on the 13th. Upon arrival the first antennas to go up are the low band Titanex, Battle Creek and Big IR verticals. After that the listening loops and beverages, beams, and VHF antennas will be erected.

Our final team consists of: JN1THL, K6RB, K6TD, K8EAB, N1DG, N4NX, N4XP, N9JA, NF4A, VA7DX, W6OAT, WF4W, ZS6P and ZS6RI.

Team C82DX wishes to thank our Foundation, Club and individual donors, and all the support by lead sponsor ICOM for assisting us in making this happen. Please visit <http://www.c82dx.com/pages/sponsors.html> for a list of all our great and generous supporters.

Hope to see all of you in the logs, especially the low bands! Don, N1DG, and Tom, N4XP, Co Leaders of Team C82DX www.c82dx.com"

Angola, D2. João, CT2HPM, is once again active as D2CT from Luanda until 15 November. Activity is on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters using mostly PSK31 and RTTY. His equipment is a Kenwood TS-480SAT into a EzWire antenna. QSL via CT2HPM.

Senegal, 6W. Mark, AA1AC, will once again be active as 6W/AA1AC from La Somone, between 8 and 14 December. QSL direct or by the Bureau to his home call sign.

DXpeditions for the year 2014. Charles Frost "Frosty" K5LBU, says, "I have had several inquiries about going over to Southern Africa and doing a DXpedition. Everyone asks when the next trip is. In looking over the 2014 calendar I have thought about the following times.

Feb: CQ WW WPX RTTY contest and ARRL International CW DX Contest

March: CQ WPX SSB Contest and ARRL International SSB DX Contest

May: CQ WPX SSB Contest

July: IARU HF World Contest

Sept: CQ WW RTTY Contest

Oct: CQ WW SSB Contest

Nov: CQ WW CW Contest

Dec: ARRL 160 m Contest and ARRL 10 Meter Contest

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Aside from the above suggestions, if you or a group have something else in mind as a preference for either dates or to cover a specific contest, please feel free to reach out to me via email at 3da0cf@gmail.com so we can talk about possibilities. I can cover various destinations and have plenty of experience coordinating these trips.

With fixed infrastructure in places at some venues for 7P8, A2, and 3DA, I can also cater for different venues with some upfront planning, such as C9. We are potentially looking at a 9J operation in the not-too-distant future as well.

Ready for a real map-memory test?

A landlocked country surrounded only by other landlocked countries may be called a "doubly landlocked" country. A person in such a country has to cross at least two borders to reach a coastline. There are currently two such countries in the world...no peeking at the atlas! (Thanks, Dave NN1N)

N1MM re-write

The *N1MM Logger* team has begun a major re-write of the program in Visual Basic's .Net. The re-write will also take advantage of the wide availability of multi-core computers for improved performance. The new version is expected to run under Windows XP, 7 and 8 with .Net 4 installed (The .Net 4 Framework is a free download from Microsoft). The re-write is expected to take from six months to one year. Everything will need to be thoroughly tested, and there likely be a need for volunteer testers, so please let the N1MM team <http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/n1mmlogger/info> know if you can help in that respect. (Thanks, Tom N1MM)

Word to the Wise

Ten-minute rule - often quite a surprise to the new multiops team, the 10 minute rule restricts band changes for some multi-operator categories for certain contests. The implementation of the rule depends on the contest - in some cases it has been replaced by a band change rule. The rule was designed to prevent the interleaving of QSOs on different bands for "single" transmitter categories by stations which actually have multiple transmitters on different bands. This would be a *good* rule to understand before the big CQ WW contests at the end of the month. (From the Contest University Glossary http://contestuniversity.com/attachments/Contesting_Terminology.pdf by Pat Barkey, N9RV)

Operating Tip

In a previous issue, it was suggested to save your logging software configuration at the end of a contest after you've gotten it set up the way you wanted. Pete N4ZR noted that *N1MM Logger* does not save Function Key messages in the *N1MM Logger*'s configuration file - they must be saved separately in a ".mc" file. This is typical of most logging software - messages are saved and recalled separately from the operating configuration. As Pete notes, "Many of us maintain a sub-directory full of past, "perfected" Function Key message files that we can call up." Pete's right and it's a good idea to have sets of messages for different styles of operating, too: fast/high-rate, slow/low-rate, Sunday afternoon, and so on.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 7 to 14 October 2013

CWops Mini-CWT Test

Mode: CW

13:00 - 14:00 UTC, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 9 October and Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

03:00 - 04:00 UTC 10 October

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Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 12 October 2013

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/onair.html>

RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, CW

19:00 - 20:00 UTC 9 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: 100 W; 10 W

Exchange: other station's call and your call and serial no and your name

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 16 October 2013

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/rsprint.shtml>

10-10 International 10-10 Day Sprint

00:01 - 23:59 UTC 10 October

Mode: All

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Individual; Club; QRP

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 10-10 Member: Name, 10-10 number and state, province or country; Non-Member: Name, 0 and state, province or country

Work stations: Once

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points per QSO with a 10-10 member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 25 October 2013

E-mail logs to: tentencontest@ten-ten.org

Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 3162 Covington Way, Lenoir, NC 28645, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSO%20Party%20Rules.pdf>

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder

01:30 - 02:00 UTC 11 October

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 13 October 2013

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 11 October

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 13 October 2013

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

Makrothen RTTY Contest

00:00 - 07:59 UTC, 16:00 - 23:59 UTC 12 October and 08:00 - 15:59 UTC 13 October

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Single Xcvr - low or high; Single Op Multi-Xcvr - low or high; Multi-Op Single Xcvr - low or high; Multi-Op Multi-Xcvr - low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: 4-character grid square

Work stations: Once per band

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QSO Points: 1 point per km distance between stations for each QSO

Multiply QSO points by 1,5 for 40 m QSOs or 2,0 for 80 m QSOs; 100 points per QSO between stations in same grid square (no other points or multiplier)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 15 November 2013

E-mail logs to: tmc-rtty@arcor.de

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://home.arcor.de/waldemar.kebsch/The_Makrothen_Contest/TMC_Rules.html

Oceania DX CW Contest

08:00 UTC 12 October to 08:00 UTC 13 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-One; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; SWL

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 20 points per 160 m QSO; 10 points per 80 m QSO; 5 points per 40 m QSO; 1 point per 20 m QSO; 2 points per 15 m QSO; 3 points per 10 m QSO

Multipliers: Each prefix once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 October 2013

E-mail logs to: cw@oceaniadxcontest.com

Web-to-Cabrillo form: http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/oceaniadx_cab.php

Mail logs to: Oceania DX Contest, PO Box 21088, Little Lonsdale Street, Victoria 8011, Australia

Find rules at: <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/rules.pdf>

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

12:00 UTC 12 October to 24:00 UTC 13 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: RST and Name, state, province or country and SKCC No/"NONE"

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 20 October 2013

Post log summary at: <http://wes.m0trn.com/submission.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB

12:00 UTC 12 October to 12:00 UTC 13 October

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Single Xmtr - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Xmtr Assisted; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: Scandinavian: 2 points per QSO with EU; Scandinavian: 3 points per QSO with non-EU; EU: 1 point per QSO with Scandinavian station; non-EU: 1 point per QSO with Scandinavian station on 20, 15, 10 m; non-EU: 3 points per QSO with Scandinavian station on 80, 40 m

Multipliers: Scandinavian: Each DXCC country once per band; non-Scandinavian: Each Scandinavian call area once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 27 October 2013

Upload log at: <http://www.sactest.net/robot/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.sactest.net/blog/rules/>

QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party

12:00 UTC 12 October to 24:00 UTC 13 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands; Low Bands

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: ARCI: RST, state, province or country and ARCI no; non-ARCI: RST, state, province or country and power out

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI member; 4 points per non-member QSO with different continent; 2 points per non-member QSO with same continent

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Multipliers: States, once per band; VE Provinces, once per

band; Countries, once per band

Power Mult: $>5W=x1$, $1-5W=x7$, $250mW-1W=x10$, $55-250mW=15x$, $<55mW=20x$

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x (state mults and province mults and country mults) x power mult

Submit logs by: 27 October 2013

E-mail logs to: contest@qrparci.org

Mail logs to: ARCI Fall QSO Party, c/o Jeff Hetherington VA3JFF, 139 Elizabeth St. W., Welland, Ontario L3C 4M3, Canada

Find rules at: <http://www.qrparci.org/contests/qrparci-contests/137-fall-qso-party>

EU Autumn CW Sprint

16:00 - 19:59 UTC 12 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op - low or high

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W

Exchange: your call sign, other station's call sign, serial no and Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 27 October 2013

E-mail logs to: eusprint@kkn.net

Mail logs to: Karel Karmasin, OK2FD, Gen. Svobody 636, 674 01 Trebic, Czech Republic

Find rules at: <http://www.eu-sprint.com/index.php?page=140&lang=g>

Arizona QSO Party

16:00 UTC 12 October to 06:00 UTC 13 October and 14:00 - 23:59 UTC 13 October

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m

Classes: Single Op Single Transmitter - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - QRP, low or high; Multi/Multi - QRP, low or high; Mobile - QRP, low or high; County Expedition - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: AZ: Serial No and state and county; non-AZ: Serial No and - state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; Bonus: 100 points for at least one QSO with K7MPR

Multipliers: AZ: Each US state, province and country once per mode; non-AZ: Each AZ county once per band per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: October 31, 2013

E-mail logs to: logs@azqsoparty.org

Mail logs to: AZQP, PO Box 17811, Tucson, AZ 85731, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.azqsoparty.org/rules.html>

Pennsylvania QSO Party

16:00 UTC 12 October to 05:00 UTC 13 October and 13:00 - 22:00 UTC 13 October

Mode: CW, Phone, PSK, RTTY

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, medium or high; Single Op CW (150 W); Multi-Single; Multi-Multi; Single Op Portable; Multi-Op Portable; Mobile Single Op; Mobile Multi-Op; Rover Single Op; Rover Multi-Op

Max power: HP: >150 watts; MP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: PA: Serial no and County; non-PA: Serial no and ARRL/RAC Section

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 2 points per CW QSO; 1 point per SSB/FM QSO; 2 points per PSK/RTTY QSO; PA Mobile Bonus: 500 points for each county operated from with minimum of 10 QSOs; PA Rover Bonus: 500 points for each location operated from with minimum of 10 QSOs; W3SC Bonus: 200 points for each QSO with W3ZGD

Multipliers: PA Stations: Each ARRL section, RAC section, PA county once

PA Stations: One DX country; non-PA Stations: Each PA county once

QRP Bonus: multiply score by 2 for QRP operation

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults x bonus mult) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 15 November 2013

E-mail logs to: paqsolog@nittany-arc.net

Web-to-Cabrillo form: http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/paqp_cab3.php

Mail logs to: PA QSO Party 2012, c/o NARC, PO Box 614, State College, PA 16804-0614, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.nittany-arc.net/pqpdf/2013rules.pdf>

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FISTS Fall Sprint

17:00 - 21:00 UTC 12 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: QRP; QRO; Club

Max power: QRO: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: FISTS: RST, state, province or country, first name and FISTS no; non-FISTS: RST, state, province or country, first name and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with FIST member;

FIST members: 2 points per QSO with non-FIST member

Multipliers: Each US state and VE province once; Each DXCC country once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 11 November 2013

E-mail logs to: n2ed@fists.org

Mail logs to: FISTS Sprint Log, c/o Ed Wlodarski N2ED, 3 Shore Rd., Andover, NJ 07821-2240, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.fists.org/operating.html>

PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint

20:00 local 12 October to 02:00 local 13 October

Mode: PSK31

Bands: 160 m Only

Classes: QRP; Low Power; Medium Power

Max power: Medium Power: 100 watts; Low Power: 50 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and state, province or country

QSO Points: 1 point/QSO

Multipliers: Each state, province and DXCC country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 14 November 2013

E-mail logs to: k9vic@arrl.net

Mail logs to: Eric Dallmann, K9VIC, 15707 S. River Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.podxs070.com/o70-club-sponsored-contests/160m-great-pumpkin-sprint>

North American RTTY Sprint

00:00 - 04:00 UTC 13 October

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max operating hours: 4 hours

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7) once; Each VE province once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 19 October 2013

E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)

Upload log at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogsubmit.php>

Web-to-Cabrillo form: http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/nasprintrtty_cab.php

Mail logs to: Ed Muns, W0YK, PO Box 1877, Los Gatos, CA 95031-1877, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php>

UBA ON CW Contest

0600Z-0900Z 13 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: ON: RST, serial no and ON Section; non-ON: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station

Multipliers: Each UBA Section

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 3 November 2013

E-mail logs to: ubaon@uba.be

Mail logs to: Leon Welters, ON5WL, Borgstraat 80, B-2580 Beerzel, Belgium

Find rules at: <http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest>

Next weeks contests

JARTS WW RTTY Contest, 00:00 UTC 19 October to 24:00 UTC 20 October

10-10 International Fall CW Contest, 00:01 UTC 19 October to 23:59 UTC 20 October

Iowa QSO Party, 14:00 UTC-23:00 UTC 19 October

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New York QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 19 October to 02:00 UTC 20 October
 Worked All Germany Contest, 15:00 UTC 19 October to 14:59 UTC 20 October
 Stew Perry Topband Challenge, 15:00 UTC 19 October to 15:00 UTC 20 October
 W/VE Islands QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 19 October to 23:59 UTC 20 October
 Feld Hell Sprint, 20:00 UTC-22:00 UTC 19 October
 Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW, 00:00 UTC-02:00 UTC 20 October
 Illinois QSO Party, 17:00 UTC 20 October to 01:00 UTC 21 October
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 UTC-03:00 UTC 21 October
 ARRL School Club Roundup, 13:00 UTC 21 October to 23:59 UTC 25 October
 NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint, 18:00 UTC-20:00 UTC 21 October

Logs Wanted for the Super Check Partial Database

Bob, WA1Z, says, "I will be releasing a new version of the Super Check Partial database files on Wednesday 16 October 2013. I am requesting your logs for input to the database files.

At any time, please attach in an email the same Cabrillo format log that you submitted to the contest sponsor and send it to logs@supercheckpartial.com.

My most recent request for logs was on 23 July 2013. If you have already sent me your logs, there is no reason to send them again. Logs from any contest within the last 24 months are always appreciated. Some of the more commonly submitted logs are from:

CQ WW DX - CW, Phone, RTTY; CQ WPX - CW, Phone, RTTY; CQ 160 M - CW, Phone; ARRL DX - CW, Phone; ARRL Sweepstakes - CW, Phone; ARRL RTTY Roundup; ARRL 10 M; ARRL 160 M; IARU Radiosport; Russian DX Contest; Worked All Europe - CW, Phone, RTTY

More info on SCP at <http://www.supercheckpartial.com>

History This Week for the week starting 7 October

- 1492 - Columbus landed in present-day Bahamas.
- 1792 - The cornerstone of the White House was laid.
- 1871 - The Great Fire of Chicago started.
- 1886 - The tuxedo dinner jacket made its debut at a ball in Tuxedo Park, N.Y.
- 1899 - The Boer War began in South Africa.
- 1930 - Aviator Laura Ingalls became the first woman to make a solo transcontinental flight across the United States.
- 1945 - President Harry Truman announced the U.S. would share the secret of the atomic bomb only with Great Britain and Canada.
- 1964 - The Soviets launched Voskhod I, the first space capsule to carry three people into orbit.
- 1968 - The first staffed Apollo mission, Apollo 7, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele, and R. Walter Cunningham aboard.
- 1968 - The Motion Picture Association of America adopted its film-rating system, ranging from "G" for general audiences to "X" for adults only.
- 1975 - Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end the nuclear arms race.
- 1984 - Space shuttle Challenger astronaut, Kathryn Sullivan, became the first American woman to walk in space.

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